

Salem Town Vision Survey Committee

Minutes for Meeting of May 26, 2009

Present: Cheryl Cassidy, Shirley Diamond, Carole Eckart, Janet Griggs, Diane Weston, Tom Woronik, Len Giambra

Absent: Frank Abetti, Sam Rindell

Meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Minutes of 3/25/08 were discussed.

Minutes approved as submitted M/S/A T. Griggs/Woronik

Yes: Griggs, Woronik, Giambra

Abstain: Diamond, Weston, Cassidy

The group worked on questions based on "Vision Committee Notes for Data Gathering"

- L. Giambra suggested that questions be formatted as multiple choice with an options for free for entry. The instructions should state check all that apply.
- C. Eckart suggested that we use an even number of responses for each question. If there are an odd number of answers available, people tend to chose the middle option.

The following questions were identified:

Business:

What locations would be acceptable for new businesses?

Quality of Life:

Would you like to see more community participation events?

What would maintain rural character?

Is rural character determined by appearance, activities or lack of certain entities?

Is building size or facade important?

Government:

If you don't go to town meetings, why not?

How can I make informed decisions?

How is this form or government serving my needs

Do you believe that you can have an impact?

Are you satisfied with with this form of government?

Communication:

Town web site – what should it provide?

Do we want town wide Wifi?

Growth:

Do you want to see the town grow?

Business:

- What types are acceptable?
- Where should they be located?

Finance:

- Is the tax system fair?
- Should farms pay less tax?
- Should tax be based on land use?
- Should people be taxed to pay for recreation for other people?

Adjourn at 9:15 Cassidy/Woronik

Unanimous.